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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231 BOX MISSING PARTS

Sir:

The time for response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted mailed February 3, 2000 expired on April 3, 2000. A five-month extension of time to respond to the Notice is hereby requested. With this extension, the due date for reply to the February 3, 2000 Notice will be September 3, 2000. See, 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a). Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$1,850.00 to cover the fee for the extension of time. Please charge any required extension-of-time fees, or any other fees referred to herein not otherwise paid by check to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date

Granted mailed February 3, 2000 in the above-identified application, Applicants submit herewith the following:

- (1) Declaration from parent case, U.S.S.N. 08/934,506 signed by all inventors in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63;
 - (2) Part 2 of Form PTO-1533;
 - (3) A check in the amount of \$130.00 to cover the fee; and
 - (4) A check in the amount of \$1,850.00 to cover the extension fee.

If the Initial Patent Examination Division has any questions regarding this paper, please contact the undersigned.

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